Centres? Will the Government be pleased to consider this aspect of the question when they decide upon the places at which these centres are to be located?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : Yes, Sir.

Malayalee teachers

* 3398 *Q.*—

MR. SPEAKER : The hon. Member Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar is not in his seat. The question and answer will be printed in the proceedings.

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the Director of Public Instruction, Madras, has issued any instructions to all the Government educational institutions in Tamil districts to terminate the services of all Malayalee teachers who have not been confirmed in their posts?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : No, Sir.

Government Agricultural College, Coimbatore

* 3399 *Q.*—SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state –

(*a*) whether it is a fact that in 1955 the candidates for admission to the Government Agricultural College, Coimbatore, were interviewed at Madras; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons for changing the place for interview from Coimbatore to Madras?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*b*) No change in the venue for the interview has been made as alleged. The interviews were held only at Madras even in the previous year.

SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE : May I know, Sir, whether the practice was to hold the interviews in the Agricultural College, Coimbatore, up to the year 1955? May I also know why this change was made and whether the Government have received any complaint regarding the change of venue for these interviews?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : After the partition of the State, the Government considered whether it was necessary to have the venue in two centres. It was pointed out that candidates who came for interview seeking admission to this college might also have applied for admission to other colleges and, therefore, invariably they might prefer to come to Madras for interview. It was also considered that one centre would be the most convenient from all points of view. Therefore, this change of venue was made even last year.